(घ) से (छ) इंडियन एयरलाइंस और वायुदूत अपनी अन्तर्देशीय उड़ानों में नीतिगत मामले के तौर पर मदिरा पेश नहीं करते हैं। इंडियन एयरलाइंस की केवल अन्तरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में मदिरा पेश की जाती है जो पूरे उद्योग में प्रचलित प्रथा भी है। वायुयान नियम, 1937 के अनुसार उड़ानों में मदिरा पेश करने पर रोक नहीं है। फिलहाल हवाई टैक्सियों की उड़ानों में मदिरा पेश करने के बारे में प्रतिबन्ध लगाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

**Air accident rate in India**

5866. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in India air accident rates are ten times higher than the rest of the world and twenty times higher than IAPA Honor Roll Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this poor performance;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the international organisations like International Airlines Passengers Association (IAPA) is advising passengers to not fly in India; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to avoid such international impression and air safety in India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) International Airlines Passengers Association (IAPA) had issued a News Bulletins in September, 1993 and February, 1994 in which travellers were advised to avoid domestic flights in India.

(d) Important measures taken to enhance the level of air safety are upgradation of facilities at airports, safety audit of airlines, monitoring of flight recorders, implementation of recommendations emanating from accident investigation reports, dissemination of safety information, periodic inspection of aerodromes, implementation of measures for eradication of bird menance etc.

**Private airlnies companies**

5867. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of private airline companies operating in the country, companies-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that foreign exchange is lost to the country because the ethnic passengers who could travel on Indian carriers, are forced to take seats in foreign airlines; and

(c) if so, the estimated amount which is lost due to private airlines and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The detail of Air Taxi Operators operating in the country are at statement (see below) Passengers are free to travel by any airline of their choice and there is no compulsion on them to travel by foreign airlines.